

**St. Leonard Parish ~ Heath ~ February 16th & 17th  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat., Feb. 16th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Patricia Thomas+</u> ~ Ron & Dee Jones
Sun., Feb. 17th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Frances Weethee+</u> ~ Roger Morales
Tues., Feb. 19th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Raymond &amp; Juanita Shumaker</u> ~ Family
Wed., Feb. 20th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thurs., Feb. 21st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>
Fri., Feb. 22nd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Sat., Feb. 23rd	5:30 p.m.	<u>Louis J. Bruno &amp; Phyllis L. Bruno+</u> ~ Bill & Terri Larkins
		<u>Anne Sines+</u> ~ Husband & Daughters
Sun., Feb. 24th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>



Dear fellow parishioners, I am not sick with anything that a good week's sleep won't cure, nor in trouble or anything drastic. Simply: there are a lot of things - personal and parish related - that are converging and making me a bit overwhelmed: "Do not let your hearts be troubled..." I need the prayers to keep "insanity" at bay and do the things I need to do. Don't hesitate to ask if you are in need of my help. Those are the things I am to be busy about.

This week we are cautioned to trust in God, not in human flesh or strength. That doesn't mean we should *never* trust anyone; it is a caution to the *depth of trust*. Some of us have experienced being "let down" by another person (to greater or lesser degrees). The "betrayal" can shake us to our core and even beyond - been there, done that - thus the caution: "Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD."

So, why the caution? To trust flesh and/or personal strength too deeply we may equate person (ourselves) as "God". Then, when that *earthly* thing/person fails, we equate the betrayal with the *real* God; then hope is lost, faith is not far behind and love... well... that as well. When love is gone... well... life is gone.

Lamentations offers this spin:

***My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. [Helpful, huh?]***

***But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.***

***Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.***

The first section is almost the antithesis of Psalm 23. The image of God is not pretty, and the writer is not afraid to say it. Fortunately, the mood turns and God's loving kindness is recalled even without external evidence. It's as natural as another day and we can choose to acknowledge it or to wallow in pain. Either decision doesn't affect God's love for us - but it does affect how we decide to live. Remember: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters .... it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

Let us pray for each other - know that you are in mine always.

Peace and blessings - Fr. Bill

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to ask that Masses be celebrated for a deceased or living loved one, Catholic or non-Catholic, or important occasions. Intentions can be made for Sunday and weekday Masses, and are published in the bulletin. The suggested donation, set by the Bishops of Ohio, is \$10.00. To schedule a Mass Intention, contact Peggy at (740) 522-5270. If you need a specific date, make your request early so the office can schedule that date.

**Contact Information for Fr. Bill Hritsko**  
St. Leonard: (740) 522-5270; OLMC: (740) 928-3266;  
Sacramental Emergency: (740) 323-6437

**Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Chain**

**St. Leonard Parishioners**

Bob Adams; Jody Adams; Norma Annarino; Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Kay Brodsky; Kecha Brodsky; Anna Cooperrider; John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Carl DiBlasio; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; Forrest Garey; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Sissy Goodin; Rosemary Gordon; Ruth Hottinger; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Carol Luciotti; Frank Luciotti; Lois McDermott; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeyer; Beth Prichard; Robert Rager; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Rodger Richter; Della Seymour; Benjamin Sheets; Susie Sherrard; Jan Smith; Carol Watercutter; Joe Whyte; Rita Wimer.

**Our family and friends**

Christopher Allen; Father Allen; Chris Bailey; Kay Baker; Sr. Sharon Baldy; Mike Barrett; Liam Barry; Nancy Bell; Megan Boley & family; Amy Brown; Betty Burchfield; Karen Burns; Bruce Campbell; Chris & Gracias Cannon; James Cannon; Cardoza Family; Brooke Chute; Deborah Cockran; Jeffery James Connor; Karis M. Crosmer; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeDona; Sue Denison; D.H.; E.B.; Jim Durda; Dr. Robert Finley, Jr.; Richard Flynn; Terry Fout; Debbie Frazee; David Froberg; Doug Froberg; Christine DeSerio Gatehouse; Maxine Gebhart; Pat Goodin; Phil Gregg; Steven Gress; Cheri & Dale Grigsby; Gary Grigsby; Doug Grimm; Shelly Hartless; Linda Henry; Carol Herr; Dennis Hoffman; Beau, Gina, Jill, Matt Jago; Terry Jones; Darla Jurden; Nevin Keim; Hope Klaus; L.B.; Richard Koch; Storm Lazo; Richard Lieson; Lutz & McDermott Families; Bernard Oberfeld; Lombardo Family; Trinity Langwasser; Fr. Michael Lumpe; Ashley M.; Andrew Madrid; Bernie Madrid; Richard Mayhew; Holden McFann; Bill McCluggage; Bill McNamara; Steve McNamara; Ed Moats; Fr. Dick Metzger; Pat Molnar; Flint Morgan; Bridgette Morgan; Claire Elizabeth Morgan; Josh Morgan; Sean Morris; Jackie Newman; Norman/Collins Family; Salvatore Presutti; Jeanette Price; Jerry Price; Sean O'Hara; Sally Orend; Colton Phillips-Huffman; Richard Patellos; Don Powell; Eric & Ashley & Tristan Riesbeck; Hannah Roberts; Sammy Roszman; Anderson R.; Trinity Russell; Kristen Ryan; Ohmson Schroeder; Carol Diane Smith; Marie & Ken Smith; Barry Spurr; Joel Stanford; Kyle Stowers; Kathleen Thomas; Philip Vogelmeier 5th; Mary Wade; John Walters; David Walton; Carla Watson; Rodger Watson; Roberta Widman; Iona Wilson; Roger Wimer; Michael White; Hunter Wise; Dee Wright; Russ Yahn.

**If your loved one needs our support & is not listed, please contact the church office at 522-5270.**

**PSR & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION**

**PSR TIME: SUNDAYS 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., September-May**  
Allison Shardell - Director of Religious Education & Special  
Needs/Inclusion Coordinator

Allison.shardell@gmail.com or (740) 405-8892

**ST. LEONARD PARISH CONFERENCE of  
the SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Monthly Meeting ~ Third Tuesday  
Next Meeting: February 19th

**St. Leonard Women's Guild**

Monthly Meeting ~ Second Thursday in the Social Hall  
Next Meeting: March 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Dee Jones ~ 740-522-4875/Shelley Wilson ~ 740-323-3849

**Altar Flowers** ~ Teresa Grigsby ~ (740) 366-3892

**Scheduler** ~ Anna Sikora ~ (740) 745-2044

**Money Counters**

February 18th: Gary Grigsby & Nello Allori

February 25th: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm

**Dusters**

February 18th: Jill Bemis

February 25th: Sonny Del Matto

**Lay Ministers Schedule for February 16th & 17th  
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)****February 16th**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl

**Lector:** Dee Jones

**Altar Servers:** Ron Jones, Volunteer, Volunteer

**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl

**Cantor:** Diane Reef

**February 17th**

**Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,  
Gary Childers

**Lector:** Rita Kelly

**Altar Servers:** Brandon & Amelia Shardell, Keira Haynes

**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney

**Cantor:** Suzanne Baker

**Lay Ministers Schedule for February 23rd & 24th  
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,  
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,  
Gary Childers

**Lectors:** Joan Kefeli/Anna Sikora; Bonnie Kinney

**Altar Servers:** Kozlowski Family, Ben Bemis, Andy Bemis,  
Volunteer

**E.M.H.C.:** Nello Allori, Joe Beckman, Mary Beckman,  
Bob Morman, Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson

**Cantors:** Ava Gummer, Suzanne Baker

**Lay Ministers Schedule for March 2nd & 3rd  
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,  
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,  
Gary Childers

**Lectors:** Mary Gillespie, Leigh Ann Lutz

**Altar Servers:** Ron Jones, Wanling Baker, Volunteer,  
Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer

**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs,  
Deacon Larry, Bob Morman, Volunteer

**Cantors:** Diane Reef, Ava Gummer

**ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #12641**

Next Meeting: March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

**Don Hobbs - Grand Knight ~**  
(740) 344-5008/tower1249@hotmail.com



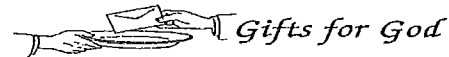
**STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES 235**  
**PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00**

**PARISH OFFERTORY FEBRUARY 9/10**

PARISH OFFERING:	\$ 3,438.00	ONLINE GIVING	\$ 350.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 145.00	CATHOLIC TIMES	\$ 156.00
CAPITAL MAIN.	\$ 369.00	EDUCATION:	\$ 227.00
CANDLES	\$ 2.00	AUCTION/RAFFLE TIX	\$ 80.00
RAFFLE DINNER	\$ 80.00	AUCTION DONATION	\$ 100.00

**OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-FEB. 15, 2019**

INCOME: \$175,431.07 EXPENSE: \$162,570.15 NET: \$12,860.92



First Collection ~ February 24th: St. Vincent de Paul  
First Collection ~ March 3rd: Catholic Education

**Upcoming ASL Interpreted Parish Events**

February 24th - 9:30 Mass & 10:30 PSR

March 2nd - 5:00 Mass



We have low-gluten Communion hosts available for those with Celiac disease or who need to be gluten-free. Please see the Sacristan at least 10 minutes before Mass if you require a low-gluten host.

**St. Leonard "Bling Fling" Auction Fund Raiser** will be on March 2nd. **We are accepting donations for the Silent & Grand Auctions.**

**We rely on items to make this a success and need many more items.** This can be gift cards, jewelry, sporting tickets and memorabilia, any indoor or outdoor items, resort packages, etc., and we welcome businesses to advertise in our program. Raffle tickets for a chance to win \$500.00 are being sold after the Masses and all families that have children in Catholic Schools and PSR all brought home 3 books of tickets to sell. If you sell the winning ticket, you receive \$100.00. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Dinner reservations are also being taken after Mass. Dinner tickets are \$40.00 each or a table of 8 for \$280.00. We also need volunteers to help with the auction and childcare is available. Contact the office for more information at 740-522-5270. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. March 2nd instead of the usual 5:30 due to the auction.

**Sympathy & Prayers** to Russell Robinson & his family in the passing of his father, Melvin R. Robinson, Sr. and his Aunt, Evelyn Ritchey. Also keep in your prayers Frank Flynn who had surgery at OSU, and Bob Ley who has been in the hospital as well as many in our parish that have many health issues.

**Thank you** to those who donated to the Heartbeat Baby Bottles Campaign. It raised \$565.30. Your support is always appreciated.



### **Spaghetti Dinner**

The next parish spaghetti dinner is February 21st from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Adults are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$5.00, children 5 and under are free, and families are \$30.00. Volunteers, dessert donations, or financial contributions are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to support the two new furnaces that were replaced. The cost of both furnaces was \$22,400.00. Our January dinner made \$362.00. If you need a gluten free meal, please contact Sonny Del Matto or the office at least a week in advance. Join us for an evening of good food and fellowship!

### **Parish Happenings**

**The Catholic Times** weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from a Catholic perspective around our diocese, our country and the world. Sign up today or renew your subscription to the ***Catholic Times*** by placing your ***Catholic Times*** envelope with a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (less than 39 cents per issue) into the regular Mass collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Leonard Church. If you donate electronically, you can still receive ***Catholic Times***. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "***Catholic Times***" with your name and drop it into the collection basket during February. Sign up today!

### **Around the Diocese**

**The Catholic Foundation:** *"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."* (Luke 6:22) All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations. Show your strength and courage by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

**Franciscans Senior Social Group:** Thursday March 21st, the Franciscans of St. Francis Parish is hosting a Grand Irish Dinner celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Sts Peter & Paul Retreat Center, (formerly PIME), 2734 Seminary Road off of Thornwood, Newark. Cost is \$13.00 per person. Arrive 6:00 p.m. Dinner served 6:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is Father David Sizemore of St. Francis de Sales Parish. 50/50 raffle. Paid reservation is due by March 14th.

**St. Martha Giving Circle:** Every year, the St. Martha Giving Circle, also known as The Marthas, gather together to learn about different organizations doing wonderful work in our community. Last year, The Marthas granted \$42,000! This year, ten organizations will have ten minutes to share their mission, how they serve the needs in our community, and volunteer opportunities that might be available for any interested Marthas. The Martha Panel will take place on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at The Catholic Foundation located at 257 East Broad Street, Columbus Ohio. For more information on The Marthas and to see who will be speaking on the panel, please visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/themarthas](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/themarthas). If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Kristin Shuey at [kshuey@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:kshuey@catholic-foundation.org) or 614-443-8893.

**Dominican Sister of Peace Retreat:** Have you ever pondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister? Come pray with our Sisters, share with other women of faith, discover God's purpose for your life, enjoy a behind-the-scenes experience of community life, and explore religious life lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace. Join other single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to learn about contemporary religious life at this free Akron area retreat. The retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 15 and concludes at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 17 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 1230 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313. For more information, call or text Sister Bea Tiboldi at 614-400-1255 or email [btiboldi@oppeace.org](mailto:btiboldi@oppeace.org). (Travel assistance available if needed.)

### **Let us pray for our parishioners, family, & friends serving in the military**

SrA. Therin Brown, USAF  
Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, U.S. Army  
Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC  
Pvt. Andre Manning, U.S. Army



**Please also keep their families in your prayers.**  
*If you would like to submit names for this list, please email Allison.*  
[shardell@gmail.com](mailto:shardell@gmail.com).

**2019 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference –**

**February 23rd:** Registration is now open for the 2019 Catholic Men's Conference. In 2018, 3,200 men met at the Cardinal Building at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. They learned together, prayed together, worshipped together and grew together as Catholic Men. We invite each participant to bring a friend to the 2019 conference. Presenters this year include: Jesse Romero, Bishop Donald J. Hying & Dr. Timothy Gray. This is a don't miss opportunity for the men of the Columbus Diocese. Register today at [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com). If you have any questions please contact Glenn Wirth at [gawirth@roadrunner.com](mailto:gawirth@roadrunner.com).

**Lenten Retreats & Activities**

**Dynamic Catholic Lenten Event:** The Church of the Resurrection (6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany) will host an inspiring Dynamic Catholic event Saturday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., entitled "Find Your Greatness." Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt, this seminar will create a personal plan to strengthen and enrich the 4 life-giving spiritual habits of a highly engaged Catholic: prayer, study, evangelization, generosity. Please join us at this transformative Lenten event! Register online: [DynamicCatholic.com/NewAlbany](http://DynamicCatholic.com/NewAlbany) or go to the parish website: <https://www.cotrna.org/> and click on the "Find your Greatness" icon, or contact Gayle Kerkman at (614) 429-7308 or [gkerkman@gmail.com](mailto:gkerkman@gmail.com). Ticket cost is \$25.00.

**Unbound Conference:** Please join us March 9th at St. Francis de Sales for *A Day of Transformation* and break through obstacles that are holding you back from: Happiness, Peace, Loving Relationships, & Success.

Past events, emotions and memories often get stuck in our thoughts and we play these events over and over in our minds influencing our actions and sabotaging our happiness. Our upcoming UNBOUND conference will transform your life through a day of reflection, prayer and forgiveness for self-healing, personal growth, peace and happiness. Participation is optional, guided by the team and completely confidential. Register today at [Livefreeohio.eventbrite.com](http://Livefreeohio.eventbrite.com) for a day full of encouragement, love, music, and great food.

**We Are One Body – Catholic Social Teachings:  
Diocese & Worldwide**

**The Pope's Monthly Intention – February:** *Human Trafficking*. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**Bethesda Healing Ministry:** Bethesda Healing Ministry offers a radiant witness to Christ's merciful, healing love. The women and men gather the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Perhaps months or years ago, they decided that it was time to find comfort and inner peace from an earlier abortion. Healing time is offered through open enrollment to those who want to bid farewell to the grievous sorrow in his or her life and embrace growth, healing, and hope. We await your call: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157, or visit our website at [www.bethesdahealing.org](http://www.bethesdahealing.org). Please save the date Thursday, April 4, 2019 for Bethesda's Annual Benefit Dinner held at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, 1860 Northam Road, Upper Arlington. Dinner 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Theme "Joy in Forgiveness," Speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi – Mass time and location to be announced.

**Attention Engaged Couples:** The Diocese of Columbus will be offering Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus. The 2019 dates are: February 22-24, March 29-31, June 7-9, and October 11-13. Catholic Engaged Encounters fulfil the diocesan requirement for the educational component in marriage preparation. More information can be found at <http://engaged.org/registration.php>.

**Christ Alive in Our Marriage Newlywed Retreat:**

Newlywed couples, as well as couples who have been married up to five years, are invited to a day-long retreat where they will connect with each other and embrace the gift of uninterrupted time together. Taking place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Saturday, April 6th, the retreat will include time for prayer, discussion, testimonies from other newlywed couples, and will end with 5:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. For details and to register, visit: <https://columbuscatholic.org/young-adult-retreats>.

**Organic, Healthy, and Empowering** – Do you buy organic and hormone-free foods? Why not apply this healthy approach to your family planning method? Natural Family Planning (NFP) empowers married couples to effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy without risking the health of the woman, her nursing child, or her future fertility. Attend a NFP Class Series at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, starting on Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.; the course continues on March 30, April 13, and May 18. For more information and to register, go to [www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning) or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.